

Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: January 6, 2004

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: Special Assessment Deferment Application by John Richmond and Mary L.

Wiherski (Disabled Citizen) for a sidewalk replacement assessment at 3252

Girard Avenue North.

Recommendation:

1. Adoption of a Committee Report approving the special assessment deferment application submitted by John Richmond and Mary L. Wiherski as joint tenants to defer a new sidewalk replacement assessment in the principal amount of \$2242.24 for payable 2004 and subsequent on property at 3252 Girard Avenue North, PID No. 09-029-24-13-0154.

Previous Directives: None

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Kildow, Senior Citizen Ombudsman)

Approved by:

Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Suzette R. Hjermstad, Real Estate Investigator II

	nancial Impact (Check those that apply)
<u>X</u>	No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
	(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
	Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
	Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
	Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
	Action requires use of contingency or reserves
X	Other financial impact (Explain): Assessment lien against benefited property

Background/Supporting Information:

By the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 435.193 through 435.195 and City Council Resolutions, 80R-365, passed August 8, 1980 and 93R-134 passed April 16, 1993, the City may defer the payment of special assessments for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older or retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments. During the period of deferment, simple interest will

accumulate on the total principal amount of the assessment. The interest rate is the annual average rate of interest earned by the City in previous fiscal years.

In order for Hennepin County to defer the assessment on the tax rolls, a City Council Resolution is required. The Senior Citizen Ombudsman has reviewed the applicant's qualifications for deferment and is forwarding the following for the Committee's consideration and approval.

John Richmond and Mary L. Wiherski of 3252 Girard Avenue North, Property ID 09-029-24-13-0154 have signed the appropriate papers requesting a special assessment deferment (see attached). This deferment will start with the payable 2004 tax year for the sidewalk replacement assessment.

Attachment 1 - Senior Citizen Ombudsman cover letter and deferment application.

C: Council Member Barbara Johnson, Ward 4 Ruth Kildow, Senior Citizen Ombudsman